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## Introduction

The Bible gives us a goodly account of Jabez who broke through poverty, oppression, ill luck and base living through prevailing prayer to God. Also inspired counsel of Elisha the Prophet made debt-ridden family to clear their debts and live in sufficiency. This book will give you the wisdom for godly success and prosperity. Your eyes shall open to great things including the power of prayer and inspired counsel. In this book you will understand what the they mean when they say "In Christ is durable riches and righteousness in obedience to his word is good success."

***Proverbs 8:14-16,20,21***
***14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength.***
***15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.***
***16 By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.***
***20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:***
***21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.***

God has reserved sound wisdom for the righteous according to His…

***2 Peter 1:3***
***3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:***

Read this book with yourself in view and be enriched by God in all ways according to His will.

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## CHAPTER ONE

## GOD IS MOVING YOU FORWARD

***Exodus 14:15***

***And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:***

Many people are in a stand-still position and that is not the mind of God for them. They are retarded, stunted and stagnated. They are not moving forward or making progress. That is not the mind of God for them. Many blame their state on the devil. If it is the devil, then all unbelievers should be arrested by the devil. If unbelievers are recording success, why should believers think that the devil is the one obstructing them from making progress in life? You have the name of Jesus, you have the word of God, you have the assembly of saints, you have the promises of God. Sinners do not

have all these, yet they make progress.

***Deut. 1:6-8***

***6. The LORD our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount:***

***7 Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and unto all the places nigh thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the south, and by the sea side, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Euphrates.***

***8 Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.***

## 1.1 You Have Been Given Power to Overcome Stagnation

If sinners are making progress, why stand still

and blame it on the devil? Rather, blame it on your ignorance, laziness and the darkness that covers you. Some blame it on witches and wizards and by so doing, they give almighty power to human beings. Whatever prayer they prayed, they believe that a witch was responsible for their lack of progress or success in life. If witches and wizard have that power, why have they not hindered everybody else? But what does the word of God say? ***"Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you."*** (Luke 10:19). Is that not God's word to you? Has witches and wizards more power than that? Then why do unbelievers succeed and make progress in life? who have no Holy Spirit in them nor the promises of God?

***Psalm 73:12 Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.***

Others blame it on someone else saying, this man was responsible for my not going to school; this man was the reason why this thing or that thing happened to me. They are always looking for somebody to blame for their failures or misfortunes. This could be in matters of prolonged sickness or marriage, or joblessness, or delay in child-bearing, or poverty, or even death.

***Proverbs 6:4-11***

***4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.***

***5 Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.***

***6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:***

***7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,***

***8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.***

***9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?***

***10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:***

***11 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.***

Now, I am telling you that the time to overcome that problem has come. What I have been saying is historical because the reality is that you are coming out from that problem at this time and your life will begin to witness great progress and success. You will no longer be stagnated in Jesus Name. Amen. Through prayer, through counsel and wisdom, you will come out of your deplorable state triumphantly and you will make progress in life in Jesus name. Amen.

***Isa 3:10***

***Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.***

***Exoxdus 14:13-15***

*13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more forever.*

*14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.*

*15 And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:*

## 1.2 Trust in the Lord and He Will Establish Your Goings

*Pro 3:1-6*

*1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:*

*2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.*

*3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the*

***table of thine heart:***

***4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.***

***5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.***

***6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths***

***Psalms 40:1-3***

***1 I waited patiently for the LORD; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry.***

***2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.***

***3 And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.***

*"I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined unto me and heard my cry."* The Lord said I should tell you that He has heard all those prayers. He knows your patience. Actually,

you have waited for Him for a long time; you waited for Him for years; and now the Lord said He has given attention to your cry. *"He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings."* You were stuck in one place, but now the Lord has stretched out His hands to help you. I am assuring you that the hands of your Father will reach down from Heaven to bring you out of that miry pit in which you found yourself.

He has come to pull you out of that pit. You could not move because of the muddy ground. Your feet were stuck in the clay. But now He will transport you to the rock. You will now move forward easily. In fact, you will run! When agricultural chicks have been in a cage and the door is suddenly opened for them, do you know that some of them jump and others fly? You will fly; you will fly to your destination. You will achieve great things very quickly. Your delay shall be rewarded. The Lord shall restore to you the years that the

locusts, cankerworms, and palmerworms have eaten. For your sorrow, you shall receive double. You will fly. I mean grace is going to make you fly. Your classmates have passed you, but you will overtake them. The power of God, the grace of God, the love of God, and the mercy of God will locate you and work in your life. Amen!

### 1.3 Be Determined for Success and Achievement

Make up your mind today to be a new person. The old things should pass away and all things should become new. Make up your mind that the former things should pass, new things should now take place. Whereas you have been labouring without seeing the gain; from today believe that you will see your gains gathered together. The mouth of the Lord has spoken it and the Lord will perform it for you. Receive the word from the mouth of God. Amen.

***2 Corinthians 4:13***

***We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;***

Be resolved in your heart that you will never remain in your present situation of life. Just tell yourself, tell your environment, even the trees that are standing around you. Say to the tree: "Tree, you have been my neighbor for long and you have seen how wretched I have been; but tree, I am not going to be like that again. You will witness a new man." Halleluiah! That sickness will die. Your poverty shall be taken away. Your marital depression shall cease. Your academic standstill shall come to an end. Amen.

***Isa 43:18-23***

***18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.***

***19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even***

***make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.***

***20 The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.***

***21 This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.***

***22 But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel.***

God has been waiting for you for long. Is He not the God of progress? When He made the sun and the moon and started counting days, is it not for progress? Have you not made progress in the years of your life? Then why not in other things? He is a God that wants you to make progress. I pronounce progress upon your life in Jesus Name. In fact, by this time next year, you will be full of testimonies. Yes, I am talking to you who are in stagnation today,

because something is already waiting for your life. Halleluiah, Amen!

**1.4 The four lepers refused to sit still and die in their state.**

***2 Kings 7:3-9***
***3 And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?***
***4 If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.***
***5 And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, there was no man there.***
***6 For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host:***

***and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.***

***7 Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life.***

***8 And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it.***

***9 Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.***

In this text, the Bible tells us about four lepers and the decision they took. That is the decision

you are to take now. Four lepers won the victory! Four lepers won the war!! You will win the war!!! All those enemies that gather around and will not allow people to make progress or succeed will be silenced by your speedy progress. Now, make up your mind, arise and say, "I am moving forward. I will succeed in the name of the Lord of Hosts. I will make great achievements by the backing of the Lord of Hosts." As you move, the miracles of God will move with you. As you move, the miracles of God will go ahead of you. The enemy shall see and flee. God has been waiting for you all this while. You have been so lazy that you could not move. You are looking like a lame man, but now, you will walk! Amen.

***Matt 8:2,3***
***2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.***
***3 And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And***

***immediately his leprosy was cleansed.***

## 1.5 Rise Up and Possess Your Possession

In my village, in those days, when a crippled child refuses to walk and the mother wants him to walk, what they do is to put him in a basket and pull him around saying, "Rise up and walk!" You will rise up and walk in Jesus name. The Lord is asking you to walk. Move forward and achieve something for God; achieve something for Jesus.

***Matt 14:27-29***
***27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.***
***28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.***
***29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.***

Whereas you have been living in one room

with your wife, you are going to move to a 3-bedroom flat. God has been waiting for you. Miracles have been waiting for you. It shall happen. I say, it shall happen; there shall be a performance! A particular man needed money to organize a program for God. He said, “God I want to organize a crusade and I am looking for ten thousand dollars for that. When he finished that prayer, he started moving. As he was moving on to get the $10,000.00, the Holy Ghost moved along with him. That is what is going to happen to you.

Transformation is coming upon your life. Holy Spirit is going to enter in your life. As he continued moving, the Holy Ghost spoke, “Enter into that house and ask whether the house is for sale.” He entered into the house and saw a lady there. He asked, “Is this house for sale?” The lady looked at him with surprise and asked him, “Did you see 'For Sale' written on the house?” The man of God answered, “Oh sorry, it was just laid in my heart to come and

ask." The lady then answered, "Actually, the owner of the house just took a decision to sell the house." The man answered, "Oh, is that so? I am ready to buy it." They struck a deal and the man of God went telling people that he had a house to sell. Let the wisdom of God come upon your life. Receive wisdom in Jesus name.

***Prov 4:5-7***
***5 Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.***
***6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.***
***7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.***

So, the man of God quickly got a buyer because the Lord was waiting for him for his miracle. The Lord has been waiting for you for a miracle. He will do this thing Himself. You just stand up and take a step of faith. As soon as

your leg shall touch River Jordan, it shall dry up. He got a buyer and struck the deal with him. The difference was ten thousand dollars. He collected the money from the buyer, removed his profit margin of $10,000.00 and gave the balance to the seller. This was how he got the money he asked of the Lord. That is the wisdom that is coming upon your life today. Your life shall be a testimony.

## 1.6 The Day of Good News To You

***2 Kings 7:8-9***

***8 And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it.***

***9 Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning***

***light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.***

Many people are waiting for you. There are some beggars who will come to you and say, “May God give to you that you may have to give us.” You will have it because God has lined up some people behind you and they are waiting for you. God wants to finance you. God wants to lift you up because of the people that are lined up and waiting for you to have. Where are you? God is waiting for you to take a step of progress, a step of success and a step of achievement, so that He may do His miracles in your life and through you, others will also be blessed. God will give you wisdom. He will give you counsel of what to do to end your poverty, your sickness, your shame and your disgrace. Amen.

***Gen 12:1-3***

***Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:***
***2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:***
***3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.***

# CHAPTER TWO

# WE ARE SERVING THE LIVING GOD

## 2.1 God is Able to Turn Things Around for You Overnight

***Gen 18:9-14***
***9 And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.***
***10 And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.***
***11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old and well stricken in age; and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.***
***12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?***
***13 And the Lord said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of***

***a surety bear a child, which am old?***
***14 Is any thing too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.***

I heard the story of a man in an oil rich State of Nigeria (Port Harcourt, Rivers State). This man had been poor and he knew that there is a GOD, His father who answers prayers. So he began to wonder why he should be poor. He decided to do something about his financial state. Remember I told you that God has been waiting for you. You are sitting there and saying you are waiting for God while God is saying I am waiting for you. Who is to make the first move? Is it God or you? Who is greater? Who should go first? So the man went into a room and locked up himself for three days and was telling God, "God, you have to change my situation. I cannot remain in this poverty; I cannot remain in this state. No, my situation must change."

*Isaiah 38:1-7*

***In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live.***

***2 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the Lord,***

***3 And said, Remember now, O Lord, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.***

***4 Then came the word of the Lord to Isaiah, saying,***

***5 Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.***

***6 And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city.***

***7 And this shall be a sign unto thee from the***

***Lord, that the Lord will do this thing that he hath spoken;***

I have told you that your own situation is ending now. The man continued, "God you must change my state; you must prosper me; you must upgrade me; you must lift me up; you must show me the way; you must show me how I will achieve it." He prayed until God said, "I have heard you My son. I have answered your prayer." God is waiting to hear somebody's prayers. Then the Lord said, "can you see the parcel of land over there; where they dump refuse? He answered, "Yes, Lord." God said to him, "Go and look for the owner and buy it." Even though the voice that spoke to him was clear and unmistakable, he began to wonder why he would buy a parcel of land that is a refuse dump. But God had already spoken. He had been praying that God should prosper him and God has told him what to do. God will tell you what to do!

***John 2:1-5***
***And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there:***
***2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.***
***3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine.***
***4 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.***
***5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.***

The man went and looked for the owner of the land who was surprised that somebody would come to buy such a waste land. The man bought the land and went back to God to say, "Lord I have bought the land." God told him. "Okay, that is the answer to your prayer." The ways of God may look foolish but that is the greatest wisdom. After some time, an oil company came to that area and discovered crude oil underneath the land. Poverty had

ended with that man! Greatness had come; wealth had come; riches had come. Oh Lord, pour it upon your people now. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. That is what God wants to do in your life. That is what God wants to achieve in your life. Let the Lord grant you open door to prosperity. Let him open the door for your children; let him open the door for your family in the name of Jesus, Amen.

***Rev 3:8***

***8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.***

## 2.2 If People of the World Prosper by Carnal Wisdom How Much More You by Divine Wisdom?

Even in matters of this life, human beings in natural wisdom of the earth (sometimes even sinful wisdom), are able to do something great

for their lives.

***Luke 16:1-8***

***1 And He said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.***

***2 And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.***

***3 Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed.***

***4 I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.***

***5 So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord?***

***6 And he said, An hundred measures of oil.***

***And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.***

***7 Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore.***

***8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.***

This man was manager over a business but he wasted the money of the owner of the business. The man called him and said, now give account of your work because you cannot do this work again. That man is a sinner, but he used carnal wisdom, corrupt wisdom, to solve his problem. See what he did in verse three and four:

***Luke 16:3-4.***

***3 Then the steward said within himself, What***

***shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed.***

***4 I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.***

Through carnal wisdom, he got a solution although a sinful one. He said, I have been used to easy money and I can no longer do any hard work. I cannot go to farm because my hands will tear in the farm. I cannot go on the street begging because that will be shameful. Moreover, I have a fair-complexioned skin that I have been maintaining through special diet. People will be wondering what is wrong with me. They may even think I have gone mad. What then will I do? Oh yes, I know what to do, he said to himself by carnal wisdom. You are better than that man, yet the man brought himself out of that problem. God will be the one to bring you out. Can God do it? Yes, He can.

***Isa 45:22***

***22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.***

***Luke 16:5-7.***

***5 So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord?***

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He said to one of his master's debtors, “I am cutting your debt by half. Pay it quickly before my master comes. I do not want my master to know because I am doing you a favour.” To another owing one hundred measures of

wheat, “I give you twenty free, so write eighty.” Meanwhile, he did not disclose to his master's debtors that he was about to lose his job. Rather, he gave them the impression that he was only doing them a favour. This kind of behaviour is characteristic of some State Governors of some states in Nigeria who pay salaries towards election time in order to get the votes of civil servants. That is the wisdom of the world. They have been owing salaries for years but when election is near and they want to come for a second term, they begin to pretend like they love the people. The governor will say, “I can see that the people are suffering and as a governor of mercy, I will pay them five months' salary arrears.” This is the wisdom of the world.

Verse eight says, “***And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.”*** Can you see? When the master of that

steward came to hear what he did after he had left, he said these sinners are intelligent people. Now the steward could go about to tell the debtors he forgave part of their debt that he did not know what he did wrong that made his master to sack him. The people will wonder because they would say, but you are a nice man. Is it not you that reduced our debt owing to your master? Instead of one hundred measures of wheat we paid only eighty. The steward will tell them, "Oh I was showing mercy because I know you people are good." So with this fine language, they will receive him into their houses and show him favour. That is wisdom displayed by people of the world. It delivered him from going to dig. It delivered him from going to beg.

***Mark 8:36-37***

***36 What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?***

***37 Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?***

## 2. 3 You Need Divine Wisdom for Progress and Success in Life

But there is a better and superior wisdom. There is the wisdom of restoration. It is the wisdom that will bring you back to life, restore you back to your position and a better state. This is a clean wisdom that God will supply. It is the wisdom that will bring promotion to your life. This is the wisdom the prodigal son exercised in his backslidden state and got restored again.

***Luke 15:14-24***

***14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.***

***15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.***

***16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man***

*gave unto him.*

*17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!*

*18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,*

*19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.*

*20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.*

*21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.*

*22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:*

*23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:*

***24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.***

Here, the Bible tells us the story of the prodigal son. He got his father's wealth and wasted it. He became wretched and was in a pitiable state. He came to his senses and by divine wisdom he took a step that got him restored to his father's house and his privileges were restored to him. This is going to be your case in Jesus name. The wisdom you need in your life is the one that will restore you to divine blessings. This is the wisdom that will remove iniquity from you, remove evil and sin from you, and bring repentance to your life. It is the wisdom that will restore you to divine favour, divine riches and divine blessings. This is the wisdom you need in your life. You need the wisdom that will bring repentance to you and make you to confess your sins. The reason you became so wretched was that you wasted yourself with harlots, you went into drugs, you

joined occultism and did all kinds of evil. You must be determined to stop these things, to turn to God and to live holy in order to enter into His blessing. This is the wisdom you need.

***Isa 1:16-20***
***16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;***
***17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.***
***18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.***
***19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:***
***20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.***
In the two cases of the shrewd steward and the prodigal son that we have just considered,

there was a determination not to remain in the same condition. There was a determination not to suffer poverty. There was a determination not to remain in wretchedness. That determination gave one of them carnal wisdom, though that kind of wisdom cannot last and cannot give the full desired result. But the divine wisdom applied by the prodigal son gave him total restoration, total favour, the approval of God and he was restored. The society went into celebration. May God receive you such that your family will go into celebration. Your society too should go into celebration because of you. Your brethren who knew your situation yesterday shall witness your glorious tomorrow and go into celebration. Be determined! This is what God wants you to do and He is ready to back you up.

***Luke 15:17-19***
***17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with***

***hunger!***
***18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,***
***19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.***

## 2.4 Wisdom and Holiness Are Two of a Kind

Now is your time to receive divine wisdom. God will give you wisdom. Wisdom is the principal thing. Wisdom is the most important thing. As far as this life is concerned, the two highways are the Highway of Holiness and the Highway of Wisdom. They are like two success power, but they are actually one success power – wisdom and holiness. They speak of the same thing. Holiness is God and Wisdom is God. It is your time to receive wisdom.

***Proverbs 8;1-7, 12-21***
***1 Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding***

*put forth her voice?*

*2 She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.*

*3 She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.*

*4 Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.*

*5 O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.*

*6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.*

*7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.*

*12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.*

*13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.*

*14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength.*

***15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.***

***16 By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.***

***17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.***

***18 Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.***

***19 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.***

***20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment:***

***21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.***

Maybe somebody interceded for you that God should remember you in your condition and today God wants to remember you. Maybe the saints of old prayed that the Lord would open the windows of Heaven towards the end time and pour riches and wealth, honour and glory

upon his children above what the devil has given to his own so that the people will see the glory of God that more souls should be converted. Maybe they have prayed like that and that is why the Lord now says, “I am starting it now.” The Lord is starting it now. He will pour down wealth, riches, honour, promotion and lift up the Lord's people. The Lord is starting it now and I am so happy that you will become rich by this move of God. This is wonderful! Sister, your honour will increase. My brother, people shall marvel when they visit your house and you take them round your duplex and they see cars parked all round your compound. When they read what you wrote on your wall saying, “Jesus is the owner of this House,” they will wonder at what great thing Jesus has done in your life. They will say, so Jesus can make somebody great like this. Now, will you allow Jesus to start with you? Go and get ready. Some think preachers are poor people. Are you seeing me a poor man? Wealth and riches belong to God

and He gives to His children.

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A particular preacher who had a master's degree said that when he was answering the call into full time ministry to preach, his relations said, “Oh, we pity you. We pity you because you will soon be picking oranges that people have sucked and thrown on the ground.” God wants to rebuke and silence those people by the quantum of the glory and

honour and riches He shall be pouring upon your life. Amen. Because of you, many shall run to the Lord. They will realize that it is with the Lord things are happening. They shall run to the Lord to receive their own blessing. By this God is making a bold statement: "I do make people rich!"

## NOW, HOW DO YOU GET THIS WISDOM? VERY SIMPLE!

***Proverbs 2:1-11***

***1 My son, if thou wilt receive My words, and hide My commandments with thee;***

***2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;***

***3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;***

***4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;***

***5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.***

***6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.***

***7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: He is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.***

***8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of His saints.***

***9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.***

***10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;***

***11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:***

This is the wisdom that God gave Job. The Lord is bringing the days of Job to be replicated in our own time where riches and honour shall go with righteousness. It is not that God will give you riches and you will abandon Him. No! Job did not abandon God,

so you will not abandon Him. Your salary shall increase and you will not abandon God. You will still continue to do righteousness. To some people, when you are riding a good car they interpret it to mean that you are wasting God's money. Somebody came to me to narrate a dream but I gave him another interpretation. He said, "Pastor, I dreamt that some people came from abroad and bought a big aircraft for you and they also added a helicopter. They said the aircraft is for you to go from nation to nation while the helicopter is to move from village to village. Praise the Lord!" I said, okay I understand. The Lord is saying that I will be going from nation to nation and He will also help me to go from village to village. However, if they bring that aircraft, will I say "No"? Not at all, because we don't know the plan of God.

## 2.5 You Have Challenged God with Holiness, He Will Challenge You with His Blessing

***Gen 22:15-18***
***15 And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,***
***16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:***
***17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;***
***18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.***

I am saying, get ready. We have challenged God with holiness; surely, He will challenge us with His blessing. The Lord told Solomon that he did not ask for riches or honour; rather, he asked for wisdom to rule God's people to bring glory to God. God's response was: "Now riches, and honour, and glory and all, I have added to you. Can anybody tell God to stop it?

He is doing it for Himself and for His glory. I am preparing you because, who knows, tomorrow you may become a great political leader in the nation. It should not surprise you because God wants to disprove sinners who have relegated His name to the background and attached wretchedness to His children. So He is saying, "No, I am the Owner of the world and creator of all things". He is saying, "Riches and honour are with Me. By me kings' rule and princes decree justice." Just worship God. He has promised to make your paths straight, to level your hill, and to prepare a highway for His children to walk upon. His children are going to pass through that highway. He says, "I am preparing a highway of righteousness; a highway of riches; a highway of wealth and a highway of honour. You will walk on it." Halleluiah, amen. Cry for wisdom. Pray for it. Just an idea that will drop into your heart shall make a difference. The Lord is the owner of creative ideas. He says, *"I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out*

*knowledge of witty inventions."* I wisdom dwell with intelligence and bring about discovery. The Lord will give you ideas and you are going to make progress. People will come and stand before you. People will come to consult you by reason of the discoveries and inventions you will make. His name shall be promoted in your life. Halleluiah!

***1 Chron 1:9-10***
***9 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabtecha. And the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.***
***10 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be mighty upon the earth.***

It is not easy to preach the gospel to the evangelical churches and some of the orthodox churches. However, the Lord in his mercy made one of our brothers to have political influence over about six or seven local governments in his state. I then told him, "Thank God for the authority He has given you over the people. In your authority and favour,

could you tell all the ministers of the gospel in your community to assemble together for a Christian conference.

First of all, he invited the ministers to his house for a lunch. About two hundred pastors came together and I was there to minister the word of God to them. Some were ancient preachers; some began preaching, maybe before, I was born or maybe when I was still a small boy.

Wisdom gave me the opportunity to preach to them. Wisdom will do it in your life too. That was not all. It was only the first step. I requested him to send out another invitation requesting that all of the ministers with their elders should come for a conference in a local government center and that he should transport them, accommodate them and feed them. We would preach the word of God to them and put inspired gospel materials in their hands. By the time this invitation went out, seven hundred ministers of the gospel were gathered together.

We went there and preached to them. We recorded the messages and put it in their hands. The books we brought were shared to all of them. Halleluiah! Suppose the Lord makes such a brother to be the governor or the president of Nigeria, it will be too great and wonderful! We will just be clapping our hands that revival time has come in the state or nation.

***2 Timothy 1:16-18***
***16 The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain:***
***17 But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found me.***
***18 The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.***
***2 John 8,12***
***8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.***

***12 Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.***

This is why the Lord is interested in promoting you. When He promotes you, God will be glorified and promoted in the eyes of men by you. As you are promoted, you are lifting up Jesus. Whatever the Lord does, He does it in His wisdom and for His glory. Ask for wisdom; ask for ideas. It will make a difference in your life. Your stagnated church will blossom. The people that are not coming will start running in. Ask God to tell you what to do. Let him tell you how to go about it. Let Him tell you the style of evangelism you are to use. Let him tell you the steps and processes to follow. He is a God of ideas. *I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. (Proverbs 8:12).* He said, "*Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." (Matthew 7:7).*

The Lord is changing people this time; your mentality shall change.

***2 Chronicles 1:6-12***
***6 And Solomon went up thither to the brasen altar before the Lord, which was at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt offerings upon it.***
***7 In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee.***
***8 And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast shewed great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead.***
***9 Now, O Lord God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.***
***10 Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great?***
***11 And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked***

***riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:***
***12 Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.***

There was a particular pastor in the 80's. At that time, it was considered a waste of money to have a rug carpet in your house. It was like wasting money that would have been used for the gospel work. To have rug carpet or cushion chair was very rare. When some church members visited his house and saw cushion chairs and rugs, they concluded that the man had backslidden and gone into the world. Meanwhile, it happened that the pastor got the items as a gift. When a company was auctioning them, somebody bought them and

asked the pastor if he needed them. The pastor accepted and they brought them to his house. The report reached their headquarters that the man had backslidden. The headquarters, being ignorant of the promises of God and lacking in understanding of His will placed the pastor on discipline. They had no knowledge that God is not a God of poverty. They lacked understanding that God wants to bless His people. They did not understand that the riches of the earth belong to Him. He said "I will give you the riches of hidden places".

I am praying that the Lord will change your mentality. You will know that God wants you to have the blessings of life. That God wants you to make progress; and for you to know that there are people lining up behind you waiting to tap into your blessing. They are waiting so that you will bless them and better their lives. By your acts of charity that will make many enter into the Kingdom of God. Thank you Jesus. You get wisdom through prayer.

***James 1:5***
***If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.***

Lift up your voice for understanding. Take a time to fast and pray to God for progressive ideas, transforming ideas. Ask God for it, He will give it to you. He will open your brain and put it there. You will blossom.

***1 Timothy 6:17-19***
***17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;***
***18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;***
***19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.***

# CHAPTER THREE

# GET GOOD COUNSEL FOR YOUR SUCCESS

**2 Samuel 16:23**
***23 And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if a man had inquired at the oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.***

## 3.1 Seek Counsel to Avoid the Fall

I want you to know that counsel is important. The Lord directs you to seek counsel. Many of you do your things without counseling and that is why you fail. You assume that you are all mighty in yourself; taking decisions without contacting somebody and without saying, "God I need your guidance, I need more ideas." God will direct you to see somebody more experienced than you on that matter. The

person will tell you what to do. When God called Paul the apostle, he asked him to go into the city where he would find a man who would tell him what to do. But you do not want to refer to any man; you are not seeing any man; you just take up a thing and do it. You go into any venture and just move forward. That is why you fail.

***Proverbs 11:14***
***Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.***

Can you see why you failed many times? It is because you did not seek counsel. Whatever comes to your mind, you just go ahead to execute it without praying through for guidance. You go ahead without seeking counsel to know whether the thought in your mind is correct or not. You ought not to have done that. In the church, you have your pastor but you don't bother to see him for counsel. That is the reason why you fail.

***Proverbs 15:22***

***Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.***

You want to marry? No counsel; no advice. Whoever you choose, you go ahead to marry. That is your style. You dreamt a dream and you woke up to go and carry out what you dreamt about. Who told you that the Lord spoke in that dream? You did not bother to verify. That is why you failed. The devil gets you cheaply. Your mind is so simple that you are easily carried away. That is why God is asking you to check it up by counseling; by a multitude of counselors. Even in secular matters, there are specialists in various fields that you need their counsel on how a thing should be done. They are trained people; they are learned; they have understanding in that field and you need to consult them to receive sufficient counsel. If this be so in secular world, how much more in

Christ? An idea came to your mind and you want to go and start a ministry? You just move without consultations from people higher than you to ask questions on your dreams and feelings? You may have dreamt that you were preaching before a multitude and you are thinking that that is a calling into the preaching ministry. You did not seek counsel, but you just went ahead and fall and go to hell! Where no counsel *is,* the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.

***Proverbs 20:18***

***Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.***

Every purpose: ministerial, family, marital, business; every purpose is established by counsel. We your pastors are here for you. Do not just rise up and get into a venture without counsel or just take your bag and travel without anybody being aware. That is not the mind of God for you; that is not a Christian life.

Counsel is important. It is the will of God for your life.

## 3.2 Seek Good Counsellors for Your Success

***2 Samuel 16:23***

***And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if a man had enquired at the oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.***

The counsel of Ahithophel was perfect. It was as if you went to meet with God and you sat with Him and asked Him to tell you if what you want to venture into will work out. If Ahithophel told you "No," Do not do it." It was as if God spoke to you. His counsel was just perfect! Whatever Ahithophel counseled you to do was just like God speaking. God put His wisdom in people for your good. He granted some people the opportunity to receive some

training or acquire some skills for service to humanity. God puts gifts in people. He has given people various gifts and training for your good. So, why are you not consulting them? Problems are going on in your family between you and your spouse and you are not consulting those who know better how to solve it? For ten years now, you have never been at peace with your spouse, but you never went for counseling to know what to do. You stay there in darkness waiting to die and go to hell while people around you are not aware of what you are passing through. Perhaps you and your spouse sleep on the same bed but face difference directions. What is the reason for that? Have you sought counsel? May be your own story is that your wife despises you. But have you sought for counsel to find out what you should do or what you are doing that you should stop doing? Have you tried that? Have you seen the man of God?

*1 Samuel 9:6, 9,10,15,16,19-20*

*6 And he said unto him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go.*

*7 Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God: what have we?*

*8 And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver: that will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way.*

*9 (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.)*

*10 Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God was.*

***15 Now the Lord had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying,***
***16 To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to be captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me.***
***19 And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer: go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that is in thine heart.***
***20 And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on thee, and on all thy father's house?***

In Jos, Plateau State of Nigeria, a man visited his friend in the hospital who was a doctor. He said to him, “Doctor, I am now putting my

house in order because I know I will soon die." The Doctor asked, "What is wrong with you?" He said, "I have a sharp pain in my chest which is burning inside me seriously. We have prayed and fasted and done everything about and I know there is no solution to it. So I know I will soon die." As the conversation went on, the Doctor began to prepare *Mist Mag Solution*. He asked to know what preparation his friend was making for his death and he began to explain to him. As the conversation continued, the doctor gave him the medication to drink. After some minutes, the doctor asked him how he was feeling. The friend replied I am surprised, the pain has started to reduce and I may not be dying again.

***Psalm 118:15-17***
***15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.***
***17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.***

You have a case and you refused to consult those who know better. Do you think that God has only one-way approach to solving problems? Some of you belong to these churches that say you should not take drugs. They tell you not to go to the hospital because the doctor is an unbeliever. That is darkness! The sick seeks for physicians to get healed; but you say you will not take drugs and you are actually dying because you refused to take counsel. The Bible says "Where no counsel is, the people perish." The counsel of Ahithophel in those days was as if a man consulted an oracle. Have you had such an experience where someone gave you a counsel and it worked perfectly? Yes of course! Why should you keep your problem to yourself and be perishing in your situation because you are too ashamed to let another person hear your story? You want to keep your secret and the Lord says, "No, tell somebody!" You are praying for God to do it for you privately, but he is asking you to tell somebody and bury your

pride.

***Matthew 11:28-29***
***28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.***
***29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.***

***Prov 22:4***
***4 By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life.***

## 3.3 Counselors Are the Gifts of God for Your Well Being

***1 Corinthians 3:22-23***
***22 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours;***
***23 And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.***

*2 Kings 5:2-5,14*

*2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.*

*3 And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.*

*4 And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.*

*5 And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment.*

*14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.*

A maid from Israel served Naaman's wife. When she saw the leprosy of her master, she spoke to the wife, “Would God my lord *were* with the prophet that *is* in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.” They took the counsel. Naaman went to Samaria and was directed to Elisha. Elisha sent messengers to him that he should go to River Jordan and dip himself there seven times and he would be healed. The man was angry as if he should see Elisha and smite him. “Big man like me, am I a fool to go and be dropping myself in water as if I am a child.” In his anger he considered returning back to Syria. Then another counselor came up. His servants came closer and said, my master if the man of God had told you to do something greater would you not have done it? What does it cost you to just go and dip yourself in water seven times? We do not see the reason for your anger. That word of advice calmed him down. He said “Okay where is the river Jordan?” And they went to river Jordan. He went into the River and came

out seven times. I think he might have been calculating what he would do after he finished and nothing happened. May be the nation of Israel as a whole would have suffered the consequence. But by the seventh time, he marveled by the miracle that took place. His body became completely clean and free of age-long leprosy.

***Jer 30:17***
***17 For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.***

Humble yourself and take advice; humble yourself and seek advice over your life's disorder. Your issue may be the challenge of child bearing or getting a marriage partner. May be your own issue is about business failure or joblessness. Get some counsel. God is encouraging you to take that advice; believe it and do it! Naomi gave counsel to Ruth. She

gave her counsel on how to get a husband. Boaz is your next-of-kin, do these things I have told you and come back to tell me the result. The counsel worked for Ruth in righteousness and holiness. You too, take counsel; take advice. There are some of you whose mind is on a particular man for marriage. To you, if you do not marry that man, then you will not marry again. Who told you that? Do you want to die? The disappointment you had was a disappointment of life. It was God saving you from marrying a wrong person and you are saying God must give you that man or God must give you that woman? What do you mean by that? Understand the word of God in your persistent disappointment in that area.

***Romans 8:28.***
***28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.***

May be your own case is that different men have been coming for you but you have been rejecting them. Be careful because the Lord will stop them from coming. Do not turn this thing into pride. There are more beautiful people out there who have never had a man ask for their hand in marriage but you are misusing your opportunity. If you continue this way, the Lord will reward your pride. Humble yourself. Before you say "No," let it be God speaking in you and not that you despise a child of God. You might have been rejecting them because you see them as inferior to you. Who told you that? Do you know yourself or your rank? Who is your equal? Is it Satan? Humble yourself. Do not despise any man. Despise not the days of little beginning. Take counsel. If you are not clear about your dreams, go and check up with mature people who can interpret your dream correctly. Let them give you advice so that you will not waste all your opportunities and nobody comes for you again.

*Exodus 18:13-24*

*13 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening.*

*14 And when Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even?*

*15 And Moses said unto his father in law, Because the people come unto me to inquire of God:*

*16 When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make them know the statutes of God, and his laws.*

*17 And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good.*

*18 Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.*

*19 Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to Godward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:*
*20 And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.*
*21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:*
*22 And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee.*
*23 If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to*

***their place in peace.***
***24 So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said.***

Moses' father-in-law gave counsel to relieve the burden of Moses. He saw that Moses counseled the people from morning till night. He knew that would make him to be worn out. God gives protection and grace but there are some natural laws that He will not want to break. So be careful, use wisdom. Share the work so that you can live long. Also, so that those waiting to see you may not be worn out by the long hours you keep them waiting. That counsel given by Moses' father-in-law worked! Seek advice, don't be proud. Pride is the reason for your fall. Where pride is there is a fall. Pride goes before a fall. Be humble to take advice.

***Proverbs 10:4***
***4 He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent***

***maketh rich.***
***Proverbs 29:23***
***23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.***

## 3.4 Take Counsel from The Man of God

***Malachi 2:4-7***

***4 And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that My covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.***

***5 My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared Me, and was afraid before My Name.***

***6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with Me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity.***

***7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.***

God puts His words in the mouth of His anointed ministers. They may not even know anything. It is when you come that God will speak to you through them. They are the oracle of God. Go to them. Why do you sideline your ministers that are anointed, holy and righteous and go about doing things anyhow? The priest keeps knowledge waiting for you; the law of the Lord is in his mouth. If you want to know the will of God, go and ask him. Tell him the business you are thinking about and he will tell you the mind of God. Immediately you speak to him, the Lord will direct him on what to tell you. God is waiting for you for your good.

***2 Kings 3:11-12***
***11 But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord, that we may inquire of the Lord by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.***
***12 And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the***

***Lord is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.***

**TODAY IS YOUR DAY OF CHANGE**

***Heb 11:1-3***
***Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.***
***2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.***
***3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.***

If you agree today that your life will not be the same again. For many that are behind in education, God will open the way and register you in a school. The power of God shall work for you and enroll you in that university you have been longing to get admission into. Make up your mind that you will not be jobless again

and the door shall open for you. You are better than the four lepers. The Lord followed them to make a way for them. He even drove away mighty hosts of army for them. The Lord will go with you and perform wonders for your life. Do not fear any roadblock because the Lord will remove that blockage. The Lord will remove that thing that blocked the road. That sickness shall be taken away because you have made up your mind that you will not be the same again.

***Isa 10:13***
***13 For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man:***

The prodigal son said, "I will arise and go to my father. I will not eat the bread of sorrow any longer. I am going on now with a changed life

and the Lord says, "Amen" to that. Shortly, the Lord shall be releasing a people He has graduated to success. As you enter into your house, look at the bed you have been laying on and say bye-bye to the company of rats that have been struggling for space with you on that bed at night because that bed will be changed. The Lord will give you a bigger bed. You will roll from one end to the other. The Lord will satisfy you with good things. Begin to rejoice that your life will not be the same again. The lord will give you ideas of progress. Prosperity shall come your way. You will eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of God who has done wondrously for your life. Amen.

***2 Chronicles 20:20***
***20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets,***

*so shall ye prosper.*

*Luke 5:1-7*
*1 and it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,*
*2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.*

*3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.*
*4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.*
*5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.*
*6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net*

***brake.***
***7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.***

# HOLINESS REVIVAL MINISTRY WORLDWIDE
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1. To hold Crusades, Conferences and Revival meetings in churches and nations of the world, so as to bring sinners to Christ's salvation and believers to His holiness. (Acts 26:16-18).

2. To produce Christian literature that promotes salvation of souls, sound Bible teaching and holiness of believers in churches and nations of the world. (Luke 1:1-4).
3. To produce audio and visual taped messages for the spread of the gospel truth in churches and nations of the world.

4. To bring denominational churches into Christian unity through the belief and practice of the faith once delivered unto the Saints. (Eph. 4:12-15).

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(Romans 17:17).

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11. To own Satellite Channels for the publishing of the messages and programmes of Holiness Revival Movement to the world.

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***Proverbs 8:14-16,20,21***

***14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength. 15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.***

***16 By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.***

***20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: 21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.***

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